

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 17-41 remain in the application. Claims 1-16 are cancelled by this amendment. New claims 17-41 are added by this amendment.

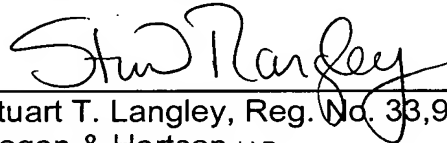
A. Priority claim

Amended paragraph 1 corrects the priority claim. It is not intended that the instant application claim the benefit of Serial No. 09/753,806.

B. Conclusion

In view of all of the above claims 17-41 are believed to be allowable and the case in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. By this amendment 25 claims including 4 independent claims are presented for examination. A check in the amount of \$88 is enclosed for excess claim fees as determined on the accompanying fee transmittal. Should any fee be required, please charge Deposit 50-1123. Should any extension of time be required please consider this a petition therefore and charge the required fee to Deposit Account 50-1123.

Respectfully submitted,



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